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**RESPONSE TO AUGUST 25, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2006. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.